

No amendments or changes to the Drawings are proposed.

Section IV:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 REMARKS

Examiner's Amendment

The Notice of Allowance was accompanied by an Examiner's Amendment, a portion of which is unacceptable to the applicants. The present amendment has adopted all of the changes of the Examiner's Amendment in claims 1, 13, and 19, but not for Claim 7.

The Examiner's amendment to Claim 19 included addition of a phrase "coupled to a computer system" which is unnecessarily restrictive to the scope of the claim. We are claiming a specific article of manufacture which is a computer readable medium (e.g. diskette, hard drive, FLASH memory, etc.), which is encoded with software. Such articles of manufacture are statutorily patentable without requirement to being coupled to a computer system. Further, there is no prior art of record upon which the claim reads if the phrase "coupled to a computer" is omitted.

Applicant's believe that the alternate amendment to Claim 7 achieves the change desired by the Examiner, while maintaining statutory patentability and while avoiding unnecessary limitation to the scope of the claim.

For these reasons, Applicants request entry of the amendment prior to issuance of the patent.

Respectfully,

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